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In the matter of: Request for Review by the Chelmsford Public Schools of Decision of  
Universal Service Administrator

Reference: FCC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Re: Billed Entity Number: 120395  
Application Number: 121663

Funding Request Number: 174887  
Funding Year: 1999-2000

Dear Sirs:

This letter serves as an official appeal to the Universal Service Administrator's ruling on the appeal of the above referenced application for funding of Nextel Communications service.

We provide our students and staff access to both cellular and wire telephone services as part of a shared network for learning. The cellular service provides distance learning through Nextel Direct Connect. This service enhances the field experiences of our students and staff. In science, as well as community work including organized formal field trip experience, we use the application of both cellular telephone and direct connection. In addition, the contract with our teachers indicates that this technology is available to them for their field work learning experiences. This service is used like any regular telephone service and on occasion it may be used for an emergency.

Under the provisions of CC Docket No. 96-451 Schools and Libraries Eligibility List, paragraph 748, we feel that this technology is an approved application for SLC funding for services of cellular telephone low power transmitter telephone networks.

We are at a loss to understand the denial of this service and request through the appeals process this decision be reversed.

Sincerely,

Bernard DiNatale  
Executive Director of  
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Enclosures

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	normally considered providers of interstate Telecommunications.		459
<b>Cellular Service</b>	<p>Technology that uses radio transmissions to access other telephone-company networks. Service is provided in a particular area by a low-power transmitter.</p> <p>The cost of Cellular service is eligible for discount, but the cost of telephones, or associated maintenance on the equipment is not.</p> <p>Cellular service is eligible for discount when provided for use at a place of instruction and for educational purposes. The service is not eligible when provided for such uses as security on school buses.</p>	Yes	<p>748</p> <p>FCC Q&amp;A</p> <p>Public Notice</p> <p>July 2, 1997</p>
<b>CENTREX</b>	A private communications system which consists of a wide variety of features provided by central office software and extended to the customer's premises via local distribution facilities.	Yes	431
<b>Coin Telephone Service (Payphone)</b>	Telephone service provided in a public, or semi-public, place and which requires the use of coins, credit card, pre-pay card or other means of payment for the telephone call, at the time of placing the call(s). Formally called coin telephones, payphone service allows the caller to pay for the call in number of ways, including prepaid, collect and third party billed. Both the payphone service and the cost of the actual payphones are ineligible for discount.	No	<p>453</p> <p>459</p> <p>460</p>
<b>Digital Data Service</b>	Sub-T-1 Facilities - Provides a 4 wire synchronous circuit at rates of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 56, 64 Kbps. It may be provided either hubbed or non-hubbed.	Yes	431
<b>Digital Subscriber Line (DSL)</b>	Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) is a technology that allows the transmission of voice, data and video over existing copper telephone lines at high speeds. DSL provides dedicated bandwidth that can be up to 278 times faster than a 28.8 Kbps modem, 143 time faster than 56 Kbps modem and 62 times faster than ISDN. There are other DSL technologies that can also qualify for "e" rate. They are SDSL, HDSL, IDSL and VDSL.	Yes	<p>431</p> <p>436</p> <p>437</p>



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**Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 1999-2000**

April 24, 2000

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Re:   Billed Entity Number:           120395  
      Application Number:           121663  
      Funding Request Number(s):   174887  
      Your Correspondence Dated:   7/28/99

After thorough review and investigation of your appeal, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company has resolved your appeal seeking approval of additional discounts for the second program year. This letter addresses our decision concerning each Funding Request Number that was included in your letter of appeal for the Application Number cited above. If your letter of appeal addressed more than one Application Number, a separate letter will be issued to inform you of our decision on the appeal of each Application Number.

Funding Request Number:   174887  
Decision on Appeal:       Denied in full  
Explanation:

- Per applicant documentation, this funding request is for cellular service to be used for emergency purposes, which is an ineligible use of this eligible service based on the rules of programs.

If you feel further examination of your application is in order, you may file an appeal with the Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Before preparing and submitting your appeal, please be sure to review the FCC rules concerning the filing of an appeal of an Administrator's Decision, which are posted to the SLD Web Site at <[www.sl.universalservice.org](http://www.sl.universalservice.org)>. You must file your appeal with the FCC no later than 30 days from the date of the issuance of this letter, in order for your appeal to be timely filed.

You should now move ahead, if you haven't already done so, with your Form 486 and related post-commitment arrangements for services for which funds have been committed and services have begun to flow. We thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division  
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